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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Divisional Application of:	)	
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MASAHIKO KUBOTA, et al.	)	
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Application No.: Not Yet Assigned	)	
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Filed: Concurrently Herewith	)	
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For: SOLID SEMICONDUCTOR	)	
ELEMENT, INK TANK, INK JET	:	
RECORDING APPARATUS	)	
PROVIDED WITH INK TANK,	:	
LIQUID INFORMATION	)	
ACQUIRING METHOD AND	:	
LIQUID PHYSICAL PROPERTY	)	
CHANGE DISCRIMINATING	:	August 22, 2003
METHOD	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

CLAIM TO PRIORITY

Sir:

Applicants hereby claim priority under the International Convention and all rights to which they are entitled under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based upon the following Japanese Priority Application:

Japan 2000-181638, filed June 16, 2000;

Japan 2000-181834, filed June 16, 2000;

Japan 2000-181839, filed June 16, 2000; and

Japan 2000-308043, filed October 6, 2000.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael K. Scinto", written over a horizontal line.

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